

PATENT

REMARKS

Claims 15-25, 28-43 and 46-50 are pending in the application. In the aforementioned Office Action, claims 21, 24, 39 and 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and claims 15-18, 20-28, 30-36, 38-46, and 47-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 29 and 47 are allowed.

To expedite prosecution and without acquiescing to the Examiner's positions, by this amendment, claims 15-25, 28, 30-43, 46 and 48-50 have been cancelled without prejudice, leaving claims 29 and 47 in the application.

In light of the foregoing, with the remaining claims 29 and 47, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and an early allowance are respectfully requested. In the event of any fees that may be due, please charge to Deposit Account No. 17-0026.

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Respectfully submitted,

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